

AUDITORIUM BIDDER WANTS CITY TO GIVE HIM \$21,000 LEEWAY

Hans Pederson, Seattle Contractor, Asks \$338,000 as Maximum Price.

BAKER IS APPEALED TO

Commissioner Refuses Sanction and Expected Council Will Turn Down Proposal Also.

Hans Pederson, Seattle contractor, to whom the council has awarded the contract for building the proposed auditorium, now wants the city to give him leeway of approximately \$21,000 in constructing the building.

Pederson, with Harrison Allen, his attorney, conferred with Commissioner Baker this morning, but Baker refused to sanction a plan, telling Pederson, however, that he could take it up with the council if he saw fit.

Both Mr. Pederson and Mr. Allen appeared at the council meeting, but left before adjournment without explaining the plan.

Mr. Allen afterwards said, however, that he would present his new plan at the next meeting of the council.

Under the scheme proposed Mr. Pederson would have the city fix a maximum amount of approximately \$338,000 he would receive for constructing the auditorium or a minimum amount of \$317,400, the amount of his original bid. This would allow him leeway of approximately \$21,000 in constructing the building.

It is probable that the council will turn the proposal down, however, as it has already twice refused to allow Pederson to withdraw from his original offer.

LOW BID IS OFFERED

Bitulthic Price for Paving \$1.15 Square Yard.

The lowest price submitted for bitulthic pavement in the history of paving in Portland was offered by the Oregon Independent Paving company today, when it bid \$1.15 cents a square yard for such pavement on portions of East Gisan street and East Twenty-sixth street. The average price recently has been \$1.40 a square yard, although several low bids have been submitted within the past few weeks. Oscar Huber bid \$1.20 a square yard. Other bids ranged upward to \$1.85. The total cost of the work will be approximately \$5000.

Remonstrances Overruled.

All remonstrances against the proposed assessment of cost of reconstructing the East Alder street sewer west of East First street to the river were overruled by the city council this morning and the ordinance fixing the assessments passed to third reading. More than 10,000 people are affected.

\$10,000 on Account.

J. H. Freeland and A. D. Seymour, New York architects for the proposed public auditorium, are to receive their first payment for the work on the auditorium plans. A warrant to \$10,000, the first payment, was authorized drawn by the city council today. While the exact amount has not yet been figured, it is estimated that the architects will receive approximately \$25,000.

Company Seeking Permit.

The Columbia Fireworks company is seeking a permit to construct a fireworks plant at East Ninety-ninth and Elmora streets. Application for a permit was made to the city council today and referred to Commissioner Dieck. It recently had a plant outside of the city at East of Lents, but the recent Johnson creek flood the plant was made uninhabitable.

Regulation Affects Dairies.

Portland's new ordinance is now in effect. The ordinance regulating dairies requires that permits shall be secured from the city heretofore before dairies keeping more than two cows can be operated.

Would Have Company Assessed.

C. H. Jackson, representing the Melinda Heights company, interested in property on Melinda heights, wants the city to assess the cost of pavement along the Arlington Heights carline to the company instead of having the assessments paid by the city.

Italy Would Declare War.

Rome, March 1.—(U. P.)—A strong party was prepared to advocate war with Germany when parliament opened today. No action, however, is expected for several days pending the outcome of conferences being held at the foreign office.

W. W. Cotton Returns.

W. W. Cotton, counsel for the O-W-R. & N. company, returned today from spending his vacation in California. While at San Francisco he conferred with Judge R. S. Lovett, chairman of the board of directors of the Union Pacific.

Cannery Dividends Hastened.

Cottage Grove, Ore., March 1.—The proposition of paying dividends on the stock of the Cottage Grove cannery will come up at a meeting of the stockholders to be called within three weeks by the board of directors. This was the only decisive action taken at the meeting of stockholders Saturday. This action, if taken, will have the purpose of making it easier to dispose of the remainder of the unsold stock.

Alpine Avalanche Kills 13.

Berlin, March 1.—(L. N. S.)—Thirteen persons were killed by an avalanche in the St. Elvic pass of the Alps, according to a dispatch received here today from Innsbruck.

Electric Employees Select Trustees

Brotherhood of Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. Meets—“Coney Island Symphony” Is a Feature.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Brotherhood of Electric Railway Employees of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., held last night in the clubrooms of the Piedmont division, the following trustees were chosen to serve for the coming year: Anthony Lehman, Amos Seybold; Piedmont division, F. V. Palmer; Sevier division, F. A. Merriam; O. W. P. and Seilwood divisions, R. A. McKee. The program of music followed: Musical P. R. L. E. band; song by Hanna Gilroy, accompanied by Mrs. Van Seyk. Two numbers were given by blind boys. They were: Song by Raymond Lehman, accompanied by Frank Sanders; piano solo by Frank Sanders. There was also a concertina number and violin number by J. Weitzel.

The closing number on the program was a symphony of “Coney Island red-hot,” all pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

DIAZ IS REPORTED TO HAVE \$10,000,000 IN GOLD FOR REVOLUTION

Diazistas in Southern Mexico Number 20,000; Clerical Party Backs.

El Paso, Texas, March 1.—(L. N. S.)—Adherents of General Felix Diaz claim that he has \$10,000,000 in gold in the United States available for use in his contemplated revolution in Mexico, also the backing of the clerical party in Mexico.

There are 20,000 Diazistas in southern Mexico, they say, and it is predicted that Mexico City will be occupied by them before April. General Carranza is preparing to proclaim Diaz a traitor, to be executed whenever and wherever captured.

Backings \$300,000,000.

New Orleans, March 1.—(L. N. S.)—According to authoritative information here the revolution headed by Felix Diaz has been financed to the extent of \$300,000,000. A large portion of this money is said to have come from sources which oppose Carranza because of his treatment of Catholic priests and nuns in Mexico. The rest of the fund is said to have been raised from contributions of members of the Diaz family and their friends.

Orozco to Be Shot.

Mexico City, March 1.—(L. N. S.)—Lieutenant Jovito Orozco, the federal officer who captured Francisco Madero and Vice President Pincho Suarez, was unanimously sentenced to death. He will probably be shot next Thursday.

Harry L. Day Quits Federal Company

Well Known Mine Manager Will Devote All His Time to Own Interests, Which Have Grown Extensive.

Wallace, Idaho, March 1.—Announcement was made last evening of the resignation of Harry L. Day as president and general manager of the Federal Mining & Smelting company, effective at once. F. H. Brownell of Seattle has been elected to succeed Day as president and A. Guess of New York has been elected vice president. Day will devote his time to his own extensive mining interests. The scope of these interests has broadened materially in the last year. Demanding intimate attention, and to meet the situation Day was compelled to give up the management of the Federal company.

In discussing the action of Day in leaving the Federal, Brownell paid a high tribute to his predecessor, and declared that history will write the name of Day with that of Marcus Daly, Clarke and Jackling.

The Federal company is controlled by the Guinness family, who own mines in the Coeur d'Alenes producing about \$2,000,000 a year.

Day is part owner of the Hercules new \$1,000,000 power plant at Bonanza, Wash., and of the Tamarack Custer. His net yearly earnings are about \$2,000,000.

Multnomah Hits On the Viti Rock

Lumber Laden Vessel Later Reached Near Bellingham and Part of Cargo Will Be Removed Pending Repairs.

Bellingham, Wash., March 1.—The lumber laden Multnomah, lumber laden, struck the Viti rock, 10 miles from this port, this morning, and later was beached near here, leaking badly. Part of her cargo must be removed to enable her to be floated to the shipyard here for repairs. She stove a large hole in her bow.

Fundamentals Test Applied to Pupils

A committee comprised of the presidents of various civic organizations yesterday put the pupils in the eighth and ninth grades in all the Portland public schools through an examination to determine whether the schools are properly teaching the so-called fundamentals subjects.

Examination was given in history, grammar, geography, spelling, and arithmetic. Chairman Jaeger said he expected to have the results ready to announce Friday night.

BRITAIN WILL UPHOLD CONTENTION OF RIGHT TO SEIZURE OF MAILS

Reply Note Is Delivered but Because of Length Is Being Sent by Mail.

U. S. WILL DENY CLAIMS

Exhaustiveness of Note Leads to Real Validity of Blockade and Other Questions May Be Raised.

Washington, March 1.—(L. N. S.)—Great Britain's reply to the American note of protest against her seizure of mails on the high seas has been handed to Ambassador Page at London and will be started for Washington immediately. Ambassador Page so notified the state department yesterday and said that because of the great length of the communication he was sending it by mail rather than by cable.

The state department already has a fairly definite outline of the contents of the reply, received through its consular agents abroad. The arguments set forth by Great Britain were outlined by a state department official as follows:

The Hague Conventions Quoted.—Great Britain has jurisdiction over all mails when they are within her territorial waters. This jurisdiction is sustained by The Hague conventions.

1. The orders in council give Great Britain the right to seize anything of contraband nature, specifically any articles of “enemy origin” and to send such articles to a prize court.

In reply to this position the state department, according to officials, will use the following arguments:

The Fundamental Doctrine of The Hague Convention Is That Mails Are Inviolable, and that any language used elsewhere does not affect this inviolability, whether these mails are inside or outside any nation's territorial waters.

Rights of Seizure Denied.—1. The United States has already filed with Great Britain caveats and protests against the sufficiency of the orders in council to change international law.

2. The United States has categorically denied the right to British cruisers to seize mails or any other articles because they may have originated in Germany.

3. The exhaustiveness of Great Britain's reply indicated to officials that the London foreign office has decided that the fund is said to have been raised from contributions of members of the Diaz family and their friends.

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There are 147 boys at the training school and of these 50 per cent, he said, are below normal mentally. The boys go to school half a day and work in the factories, fields and orchards the other half. With this short school session, they are able to pass the same examinations as those given to children who have a whole day's schooling.

“If you want to stop 75 per cent of the juvenile delinquency,” he explained, “get a law prohibiting junk dealers from purchasing stolen goods from boys. The boy addicted to the cigarette habit, the boy who steals his gas, electric and plumbing fixtures, will sell them for a few cents in order to stop the craving.”

Miss Guthrie, a prominent social worker of Chicago, told of the excellent results obtained through the bureau of domestic relations and the bureau of the valley of the blockade and had brought thousands of dollars of the support of the home, which had previously been dissipated by irresponsible husbands and fathers.

He declared strongly cooperation between the school and the home. Judge Cleiton, leading the discussion which followed, endorsed the plan for a bureau of domestic relations and a parental school for Portland. H. C. Crum, transient officer, also endorsed the plan. Millie R. Trumbull spoke in opposition to the plan for a bureau and school.

Miss Louise Hunt, George A. Thatcher and H. C. Crum were appointed a committee to prepare a program for the club for the coming year. Walter H. Evans presided.

Must Prove That He Is American Citizen

Senators Chamberlain and Lane have been asked to intercede on behalf of E. C. Wendling, a native of Portland, whom the Canadian government would send to the front to fight for Great Britain.

Mr. Wendling left here a year ago to manage the circulation department of a publication in Vancouver, B. C. Mrs. Wendling and a 4-year-old son still reside here with Wendling's mother at 602 1/2 East Twenty-third street. Wendling's father was a pioneer grocer of Portland.

Although Wendling was born in this city June 14, 1886, records at the city hall contain no evidence of this event. Dr. Curtis C. Strong, a pioneer physician of Portland, attended the Wendling family and has known E. C. Wendling since childhood. Mr. Wright has taken the case up with the American consul in Vancouver, B. C., and has written to Senators Chamberlain and Lane.

Loss of Position Cause of Suicide

R. F. Ross, Member of Pioneer Oregon Family, Takes Poison—Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon.

Dependent upon the loss of his position, R. F. Ross, clerk five years by the up-town offices of the American Express company, committed suicide last night in a room at the Bonaime hotel.

Ross, who was 32 years old, left the office at 6 o'clock, purchased poison at a nearby drug store, and went to the hotel. The body was found at 11:15 last night.

Ross was the grandson of John West, Hudson Bay factor, for whom his widow was named. Ross lived with his widowed mother, Mrs. Jean Adams, 442 East Fortieth street north. A sister, Mrs. Charles Moorehead, resides in Seattle. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

Increase Is Shown In Postal Receipts

Portland postal receipts for February just past, exceed receipts for February of last year by \$35,484.60. Receipts for the month were \$92,910.71. In February, 1915, the receipts were \$57,426.15. Local postal savings deposits were \$1,022,394 for February, 1916, as against \$1,022,184 for February, 1915.

Sichel Will Not Run.—After considering the matter for several weeks, Sig Sichel has definitely decided not to become a candidate for county commissioner. He said he could not afford to spare the time from his business, in the event he was elected. “However, I wish to express my thanks to the friends who have urged me to become a candidate,” he said.

Tank Steamer Burns.—Manchester, Eng., March 1.—(L. N. S.)—The tank steamer Sphera, burned to the water's edge in the canal here today.

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Drugless Physicians Will Have College

Institution Formed Here Will Offer Four Year Courses in Naturopathy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic, Etc.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Oregon State Naturopathic College of Drugless Physicians, a company organized for the purpose of maintaining a college in Portland for the training and education of naturopathic or drugless physicians.

The college intends to offer a regular four year course in naturopathy, osteopathy, chiropractic, and similar branches of drugless healing. Among the purposes mentioned in the articles of incorporation are the building and operation of sanitariums, hospitals, laboratories, baths, surgeries, auditories and gymnasiums.

The Oregon State Association of Naturopaths is said to be behind the corporation, four of its officers being named in the articles of incorporation: Dr. L. R. Wilson, president; Dr. H. A. Stockdale, vice president; Dr. A. Spengler, secretary; and Dr. Virgil MacMickle, treasurer.

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of the United States, by a settlement with the railroad upon an equitable basis.

“Third—An orderly and businesslike disposal of the grant through a consistent classification and plan of sale and entry.”

In the next paragraph the department acquits at a denial of a right of Oregon to share liberally in the receipts from the sale of the timbered lands, saying:

“The opinion of the department that any reasonable plan designed to accomplish the three foregoing purposes must be consistent with the general principle governing the businesslike disposal of government timberlands, and must not be totally at variance with the policy already followed concerning similar properties similarly situated.”

Secretary Houston apparently has not taken into account some of the things emphasized in the hearings before the house committee, in which witnesses have agreed that the land grant stands for different status than other parts of the public domain. Senator Chamberlain and some members of the house committee have questioned whether congress ever has a legal right to provide a plan that does complete disposal of the land and the timber to private ownership within a reasonable time.

Classified Sale of Lands.—Another suggestion of Secretary Houston is that the secretaries of the interior and of agriculture be directed to classify the lands instead of classifying them by the bill itself. The Chamberlain bill makes three classes of land, mineral timber and agricultural lands and a fourth class of over 1,000,000 feet of timber to the quarter section, agricultural lands those on which a lesser quantity is grown.

Secretary Houston wants four classifications, one to cover water power sites, another mineral lands, another timber lands and a fourth class of lands bearing a growth of 250,000 feet to the 40 acre tract and land sold in connection with logging and lumber operations.

Sale of Timber Lands.—Senator Chamberlain favors automatic classification in order to expedite settlement. Secretary Houston expresses the opinion that by cooperation, the forces of the departments of agriculture and the interior could do the work in one session.

Amendment is suggested to give the interior department discretion as to the time in which timber sales are made, that is, to compel sale of timber and consequent opening of the land to entry. Under the Chamberlain bill the timber purchaser would have his own time in which to remove the timber, but would in the meantime be required to pay taxes upon it.

Secretary Houston refers at length to depressed conditions of the lumber industry of the northwest as an important factor in any legislation that may be adopted, and declares the timber sale from O. & C. lands should not be sold except in the event of depression absorbed by the market. Otherwise, he says, depressed conditions will be accentuated.

The secretary declares the bill of Senator Chamberlain furnishes an admirable basis for legislation regarding the land grant. Other minor amendments suggested for introduction, which are being considered by the Chamberlain measure, incorporating the amendments suggested by the attorney-general, and the forest service amendments in addition.

Free Phones Considered.

Chehalis, Wash., March 1.—Centralia citizens are soon to vote on the granting of a franchise to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, and the question has been raised that city of Chehalis and Centralia, the toll being 10 cents per minute, with additional charge for extended use of the line.

Business Meeting Announced.—A business meeting will be held at the Atkinson Memorial Congregational church after the prayer meeting on Thursday, to arrange for the primary member canvass, as suggested by the laymen's missionary movement.

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STRAHORN RETURNS TO BOOST DETAILS OF NEW RAILROAD

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